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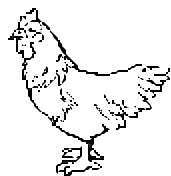
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

In the East, trade sentiment was at least steady with prices higher. Elsewhere, prices were unchanged and mostly steady. Demand following the extended holiday weekend was mixed with best movement for refilling and into resort areas, as trade assessed needs and monitored conditions. Supplies were usually sufficient, at times longer for heavier sizes. In the parts structure, demand was light and selective with orders also being refilled. Breast items were sufficient to close, dark meat and wings were available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at weights in a full range, but mostly desirable.

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 09/02/02-09/07/02 (cents per lb)

AREAS	MAJORITY	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)		COMPOSITE	
		WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Bos/New Eng	46.00-49.00	48.93	14	51.88	33
Chicago	45.00-48.00	47.96	41	50.47	81
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—	—	53.84	18
Cleveland	TFEWR	—	—	61.67	9
Denver	68.50	68.49	17	67.52	21
Detroit	47.00-49.00	48.50	12	53.19	43
Los Angeles	69.00	66.54	66	63.60	165
New York	47.00-50.00	48.50	24	51.82	51
Philadelphia	46.50-48.00	47.64	11	48.11	23
Pittsburgh	46.00-49.00	47.83	12	55.47	59
St. Louis	47.00-47.50	47.01	20	48.45	38
San Francisco	69.50	68.30	30	67.81	64

Composite 12 City Weighted Average

Loads	09/03/02	Change/Last Wk	08/27/02	09/04/01
605	56.19	-0.12	56.31	61.63

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
East	51.00-53.00	51.94	31
Central	49.00-57.00	53.43	67
West	51.00-62.50	60.41	47

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	60.00-64.00	63.68	83
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 64.25 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG

LOADS	RANGE	FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,113	45.00-66.50	62.71

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	181.50	1,286
BREASTS - B/S	156.00	4,845
BREASTS - WHOLE	85.00	1,150
THIGH MEAT - B/S	59.00	737
LEG QUARTERS	18.50	8,374
WINGS	52.50	3,456

THIS INFORMATION IS SUPPLIED BY THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S POULTRY MARKET NEWS SERVICE.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity was fair to moderate following the holiday lengthened weekend. Offerings of all sizes were at least sufficient, with the larger birds occasionally noted in the longer position. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light to fair. The market tone was at least steady. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts and tenderloins were in close balance. The balance of product was at least adequate.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand following the extended holiday weekend was mixed with most refilling, assessing needs and watching for further developments. Supplies were usually sufficient to handle limited needs. In the parts structure, trading was light to moderate. Breast items were balanced to close, and the remaining items were at least adequate or available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices were unchanged from last week's levels. Trading reported for this week's delivery at unchanged to higher prices. Offerings were generally adequate. Buying interest had improved. Retailer demand was moderate to good, best to cover planned features and fast food activities. Dealers reported good weekend clearances. Trading reported on parts for this week's delivery: leg quarter bulk 17.5-20.25 and 4/10s 19.25-20.50, bone in breast 87-93 and boneless mainly 145, drumstick mainly 27 and boneless leg meat 57-59. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was up .87 to 53.92 with the volume reported down 3 percent to 31 loads.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Final majority prices were unchanged from last Monday's final. Whole fryer market tone was steady. Offers were light for the limited trade interest. Retail demand mixed, light to fairly good. Food service interest was irregular, slow to fairly good, best into resort areas. Floor stocks were in full range. Weights desirable to occasionally heavy. Trading on parts was selective and light overall. Supplies varied from processor to processor with wings and tenders occasionally tight. Market tone on parts was steady.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was moderate followings the holiday weekend. Seller offerings were mostly adequate and in fairly good balance. Live supplies were moderate; weights ranged light to heavy, mostly desirable. Processor schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 49 to 60 cents. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady. In the parts complex, supplies were adequate and clearing satisfactorily.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARA.

U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	47-63
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	51.33
NO. OF BOXES	10,558

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was fair to moderate as dealers filled orders following holiday down time. Offerings of bone-in breasts were in very close balance. Boneless-skinless breasts were sufficient. Dark meat cuts were fully adequate. Tenderloins were clearing well. Movement into retail and distributive channels was only fair, although, food service draw was increasing. The market tone was fully steady on bone-in breasts and tenderloins and steady on the balance.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	NEGOTIATED	CURRENT TRADING	WTD AVG	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S		145-150	151.73	340,480
TENDERLOINS		120-125	125.81	97,520
BREAST - WITH RIBS		81-82	87.49	184,040
BREAST - LINE RUN		81	84.07	205,200
LEGS		31-32	35.70	146,520
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)		17-18	18.24	525,336
DRUMSTICKS		29-30	34.36	75,300
THIGHS		19-20	30.94	44,760
B/S THIGHS		60-61	63.29	54,100
WINGS (WHOLE)		50-51	57.27	266,600
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)		10-12	12.43	32,400
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)		15-20	21.22	13,160
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)		40-45	53.89	27,080

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY WT.	AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,532	115.00-140.00	140	137.59
TENDERLOINS	191	123.00-188.00	-	146.33
BREAST - WITH RIBS	158	79.00-95.00	-	85.13
FRONT HALVES	720	61.00-71.00	67-68	66.78
LEGS		NO TRADING REPORTED		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	761	14.00-16.00	14-14.5	14.37
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	2,753	16.00-17.00	-	16.31
WINGS (WHOLE)	459	42.00-73.00	45-46	45.09
DRUMSTICKS		NO TRADING REPORTED		
THIGHS	1,200	14.00-16.00	-	15.00

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	09/02	08/31	08/31	08/26	08/24
ALA	(A)	4,044	4.98	4,111	4.95
ARK	Holiday	5,217	4.75	5,179	4.89
DELMARVA	(A)	2,410	5.09	2,355	5.04
LA-TENN	(A)	2,022	4.50	1,974	4.44
MISS	(A)	2,902	5.21	2,851	5.21
NC	(A)	2,675	5.87	2,605	5.81
TEXAS	(A)	2,466	4.72	2,463	4.85
TOTAL	5,353	21,736	5.00	21,538	5.03
MON	5,353(B)			21,538(B)	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations

(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 02-Sep 2002 is estimated to be 8,009,000 down 75.22 percent from a week ago and up 36.5 a year ago. (Last week 32,320,000, last year 5,867,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	754	138.00-223.00	140-145	143.96
TENDERLOINS	54	120.00-190.00	-	163.04
BREAST - LINE RUN	125	81.00-89.00	82-84	83.48
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	87	21.00-34.00	21-22	22.05
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	388	14.00-17.00	15	14.94
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,256	16.00-26.00	18-19	18.47
WINGS (WHOLE)	283	53.00-57.00	54-55	54.20
WINGS (CUT)	417	63.00-77.00	63-65	67.32
DRUMSTICKS	66	34.00-47.00	-	35.23
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR SEPTEMBER 03, 2002 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
41.50-45.00	42.91

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 02-SEP-2002 TO 06-SEP-2002 CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	140.00 - 159.00	140.00 - 150.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	81.00 - 102.00	81.00 - 84.00
LEGS	25.00 - 42.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	15.00 - 22.00	16.00 - 18.00
DRUMSTICKS	22.00 - 42.00	-
THIGHS	24.00 - 42.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	41.00 - 65.00	46.00 - 51.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10.00 - 20.00	-
LIVERS	28.00 - 42.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	33.00 - 45.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	82
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	85-89
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	
FROZEN DUCKS	
FROZEN SQUABS	589

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	91-93
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-95
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	75
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	94-95
	DRY PACK	96-103
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	104-113
	DRY PACK	113
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK	
	ICE PACK	94-98
DUCKS		152-166

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

30-AUG-2002				
CHICKEN — PRICES — VOLUME —				
(Cents per Pound)				
FAT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
CONTENT				
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
CONTENT				
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	14.50-17.00	13.50-17.00	1,140,000	120,000
WTD AVERAGE	16.43	15.91		
15-20%				
RANGE	12.00	10.00-16.00	650,000	40,000
WTD AVERAGE	12.00	13.89		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading levels were generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was light to moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER
THE WEEK OF 02-SEP-02

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD
	CENTS/LB.		AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-11.5	8-9.25	9.17

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

30-AUG-2002				
CHICKEN — PRICES — VOLUME —				
(Cents per Pound)				
FAT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
CONTENT				
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
CONTENT				
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	13.00-14.00	13.00-14.00	122,400	-
WTD AVERAGE	13.33	13.33		
15-20%				
RANGE	11.00-14.00	9.00-14.00	1,871,000	816,000
WTD AVERAGE	11.50	11.44		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair for the mostly adequate to fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules were reported as less than normal for the holiday week. Finished product supplies cleared easily and were about adequate to adequate for full trade needs. The undertone was generally steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 02-SEP-02.

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD	AVG
	CENTS/LB.			
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-10.5	8-9		8.70
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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